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Sponsor(s): Representatives Sullivan, Dunn, Reardon, Eickmeyer, Miloscia and Dunshee

Brief Description: Creating a health care patients' bill of rights.

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Declares that the purpose of this act is to ensure that health plan patients: (1) Have improved access to information regarding their health plans;

(2) have access to a quick and impartial grievance process;

(3) are protected from unnecessary invasions of health care privacy;

(4) are assured that personal health care information will be used only as necessary to obtain and pay for health care or to improve the quality of care; and

(5) have access to an emergency health plan.

Declares that, effective January 1, 2000, this act applies to: Health plans offered, renewed, or issued by a carrier; medical assistance provided under RCW 74.09.522; the basic health plan offered under chapter 70.47 RCW; and public employee health benefits provided under chapter 41.05 RCW.